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Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
U.S. Department of Education
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Dear Ms. Delisle:

I am writing on behalf of the Michigan Department of Education to request approval for two amendments to Michigan's Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 School Improvement Grant Continuation Application granted under section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1225(b). The first request is a waiver to extend the period of availability of the fiscal year (FY) 2012 School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds awarded under Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, until September 30, 2017. The second request is to amend the use of (FY) 2012 funds for the three-year implementation of a new Cohort. These requests, submitted pursuant to section 9401(d)(2) of the ESEA, would permit the Michigan Department of Education to make new awards, using FY 2012 SIG funds in combination with FY 2013 funds for a new cohort of schools (Cohort III) that will begin their three-year SIG implementation in the 2014 – 2015 school year.

If amendments to Michigan's FY 2012 continuation application are approved so that it can make new awards, the Michigan Department of Education assures that it will:

- Use available FY 2012 funds to run a competitive grant competition that funds a new Cohort III for school year 2014 – 2015.
- Use the approved FY 2013 New Awards Competition Application Local Educational Agency (LEA) application and rubrics.
- Within 30 days of awarding new grants, post on its public website and submit to the United States Department of Education (USED) the names of the LEAs (including their MCES District Identification Number) and their schools (including their NCES School Identification Number) together with their grant award amounts.

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- Provide all LEAs and the public with notice of this request and opportunity to provide comments. Michigan's Title I Committee of Practitioners met on November 13, 2013, and was provided an opportunity to discuss the amendment request in depth. All comments received from this notice and the Committee of Practitioners are included in this communication

Please feel free to contact Linda Forward by phone at 517-241-3147 or e-mail at forwardl@michigan.gov if you have any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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